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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

March 7, 1961

Dear Allen:

I am attaching an informal set of notes which I requested on the current status or action on a number of matters raised at last week's Thursday luncheon.

Looking it over, I am struck by the fact that several of the items concern relatively less important matters on which action, including coordination, has or is being taken and which really shouldn't occupy our time at the luncheon.

I feel that we should try to do some planning on major issues and limit our discussion of current operations to those problems of immediate importance which may urgently require our swift and coordinated action.

I hope we will have an opportunity tomorrow to exchange views as how best to work this out and to discuss fully what our future objectives at the lunch should be.

With my warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Chester Bowles

The Honorable  
Allen Dulles,  
Central Intelligence Agency.

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STATUS OF MATTERS RAISED AT THURSDAY'S LUNCHEON

1. Clearance of Foreign Policy Speeches by Government Officials?

A circular telegram to all field posts and a Departmental circular requiring advance clearance by Mr. Tubby's office of all statements by officers of the level of Office Chief and above was signed by the Secretary on March 4. He also signed a memorandum to the White House coordinating our directives with Mr. Dutton.

2. Determination of Agreed Aims in Portraying the US Abroad

Following a discussion at the Thursday Luncheon, a memorandum was sent from you to Messrs. Murrow, Tubby, Coombs, and McGhee requesting them to consider jointly what are the aims of our public information program and how we wish the US to be portrayed abroad through our public pronouncements and various official activities. In accordance with the agreement Thursday, Mr. Murrow will head up this project.

3. Appointment with the President for Guatemalan Official Alejos with Message from Ydigoras?

A letter from the Secretary to the President requesting an appointment on behalf of Ambassador Alejos was given to the Secretary for his approval March 4.

4. Annual Report on US Citizens Residing Abroad

A memorandum has been prepared for your signature to O - Mr. Jones asking his office to take responsibility for the continuation of this statistical compilation.

5. MATS Operation in Africa

A proposal by the Department of Defense made directly to the State Department that MATS operate a weekly flight to our diplomatic missions in Africa has been under discussion between the two Departments for some time. Last week AF - Mr. Penfield sent a letter to Defense - Mr. William Bundy discouraging this project on political grounds.

6. Mali Civil Aviation

A number of meetings have been held in the Department with representatives of other agencies on the proposal to supply DC-4s for the establishment of a Mali airline. Opinion is divided. An interagency task force composed of State, Defense, ICA, and CIA was set up a week ago under AF - Mr. Tasca to come up with a US position as soon as possible.

7. Provision of Aircraft for India?

Defense and State have long been working jointly in getting American civil aircraft into Indian service and have been unsuccessful to date. [redacted] Most recently we offered to demonstrate the C-130 Hercules at New Delhi and were turned down. Defense has recently proposed to underwrite

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with MAP funds, the sale of helicopters to the Indian Government. Our reply to Defense, which shortly will be presented for your signature, concurs with the proposal but contains a qualification based on Indian reluctance to accept MAP assistance.

8. Antarctica

The Thursday Luncheon agreed that Antarctica programs and policies will continue to be coordinated through an interdepartmental committee under the leadership of State. A memorandum concerning the future program of the committee has been prepared by IO for your approval.

9. Australian Grain Shipment to China and Financing Thereof?

Partly owing to a current surplus, the Australians have sold 1,000,000 tons of wheat and 50,000 tons of flour to Red China for cash payment in hard currency, probably sterling. This will be moved by June. They are presently negotiating with the Chinese for the sale of additional quantities of barley.

10. Failure to Clear Proposed Sugar Legislation with the Budget Bureau

Clearance procedures for submission of legislation to Congress by the Executive Branch are prescribed in existing Budget Bureau directives. These have been elaborated in a memorandum to all Cabinet officials and Agency heads from the White House - Mr. Dutton, dated February 4, 1961. In the case of the Sugar Bill, because of extreme of time pressure, the above procedures were inadvertently overlooked and the Budget Bureau was bypassed. H has taken steps to assure that the error will not be repeated.

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